Minutes of the Tree Advisory Board

Wednesday January 8, 2020 6:30 pm City Hall

Prepared by Bill Mehls (Please contact him with corrections and/or additions.)

Members: (x indicates attended)

Judi Cermak x John Goodwin x Laura Ouimette x Stephanie Crimm x Shawn Kenaley-by phone Dave Poteet - Elizabeth Hane x Bill Mehls x Berna Ticonchuk x

Also in attendance:

Dan Unrath, City Council member Patty and Bob Kerns, City residents

HOA Letter: Patty and Bob Kerns asked for some guidance on removing and planting trees on the private property of the CA Traditions Homeowners Association on Desyn Drive. They have already replaced some trees and have more to replace. We discussed sources of tree recommendations such as the DEC, Arbor Day Foundation, and the City list. Laura will send along links to these recommendations.

Goal Setting: Judi led a discussion of goals for this year for the TAB. These were suggestions:

Heritage Tree Program: Get back to adding trees to the list. So far there have been two approvals and four nominations pending.

Statue Trees: Judi will work with Stephanie to finalize a plan.

FLTV: We should be able to make public service videos through the college. Ellen might have some more ideas about utilizing this service.

Comprehensive Plan: The City committee is still working and anticipates a March closure to the process. We still have time to make more revisions to the Urban Master Tree Plan, if we wish, and have those included.

Tree Removal Workload: Stephanie and her crew have been pulled off tree maintenance at times to do snow removal duty on unshoveled sidewalks. Discussion ensued.

News and Notes:

TAB Membership: Elizabeth and Shawn were officially appointed to the TAB by Mayor Polimeni and approved at the December meeting of the City Council.

DEC Posters: Laura delivered our six poster entries to the DEC. She also is working on arrangements for displaying all of the posters somewhere this spring.